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SUBJECT: SECOND ECE AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY, MARCH 21 - 23,
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1. MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED, WITH THE FOLLOWING ECE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED; BELGIUM, CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GDR, FRG, GREECE, HUNGARY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, USSR, UK, USA YUGOSLAVIA. MR. M.L. FREROTTE (BELGIUM) AND MR. B. BARTOSZEK (POLAND) WERE ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE- CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY.

2. DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MEETING WAS NOT ALL AVAILABLE BEFORE THE OPENING, NOR WAS IT VERY COMPREHENSIVE AS REGARDS ACTIONS BEING TAKEN OR PLANNED BY ECE MEMBERS. THE MOST IMPRESSIVE PART OF THE SESSION WAS LENGTHY REVIEW BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE VARIOUS ENERGY-RELATED PROBLEMS FACING ECE MEMBERS IN THE ENERGY FIELD, AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS THAT, WHILE PERHPAS LOGICAL IN APPROACH, WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. ONE OF THE KEY COMMENTS OF THE SURVEY WAS THE FOLLOWING: "I THINK
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THAT THE TIME IS COMING WHEN THE PROBLEMS OF NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO A SERIOUS ECONOMIC DISCUSSION AND THEREFORE I DO NOT HESITATE TO PROPOSE AT THIS MEETING THAT ECE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE RENEWABLE OR, IF YOU WISH, CONSTANT FLOW OF ENERGY...". FURTHER, MR. STANOVNIK SAID, "I AM AWARE THAT THIS MATTER OF ENERGY CONSERVATION IS NOT JUST A HOBBY FOR A FEW SPECIALISTS

BUT I TELL YOU VERY OPENLY AND FRANKLY, AS THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION, THAT I CONSIDER THAT IT IS VERY CENTRAL TO THE ENTIRE OUTLOOK IN OUR REGION". NOTE: STANOVNIK'S STATEMENT BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. THERE WAS GUARDED OPTIMISM ON THE PART OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES, NOTABLY FRANCE, THAT SPECIFIC ENERGY CONSUMPTION COULD BE REDUCED AND THAT THE RATE OF INCREASE IN TOTAL ENERGY USE COULD THROUGH CONSERVATION MEASURES BE REDUCED BY AS MUCH AS 25 PERCENT. ALL AGREED THAT SUCH RESULTS COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY IF INTENSIVE EFFORTS ARE MADE BY ALL THE MAJOR ENERGY USERS.

4. THE USE OF ECONOMETRIC MODELS FOR ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION WAS DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO PREPARATIONS FOR A SEMINAR ON THIS SUBJECT. THE USSR URGED THAT THE SEMINAR SHOULD NOT LIMIT ITSELF TO THE DETAILS OF THE MODELS BUT SHOULD LOOK AT THEM AS TOOLS FOR DEALING WITH POLICY-RELATED PROBLEMS. THE UK HAD FOUND ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES WAS A VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT TASK. A REPORT ON SOME OF THEIR EFFORTS HAD RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED BY THE UK DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

5. A NUMBER OF THE EASTERN COUNTRIES DESCRIBED THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP COMBINED ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION AND HEATING SYSTEMS. THE SOVIETS STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN WORKING IN THIS DIRECTION FOR 50 YEARS AND NOW FEEL THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED PRACTICES THAT HAVE MUCH PROMISE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE FUTURE. THIS THEME WAS REPEATED BY POLAND, ROMANIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE PROPOSED SEMINAR ON THIS SUBJECT WAS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS COMPLETE UTILIZATION OF ALL WASTE GAS FROM LARGE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES, AND THE USE OF URBAN WASTES.

6. IN HIS PRESENTATION, THE BELGIAN EXPERT REPORTED THAT BELGIUM HAD RECENTLY ADOPTED A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY POWER PLANTS AND, AS REGARDS THE THIANGE FACILITY NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IT HAS AGREED TO WITHHOLD FINAL LICENSING FOR OPERATION UNTIL PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR USE BY THE ASSOCIATED COMMUNITIES OF THE WASTE HEAT RESULTING FROM ITS OPERATION.

7. THE GROUP NOTED AN EXTENSIVE REPORT ON METHODS FOR INCREASING THE RECOVERY OF LIQUID AND GASEOUS HYDRO-CARBONS FROM UNDERGROUND DEPOSITS, PREPARED BY A USSR CONSULTANT. MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS BY OCTOBER 1977 IN PREPARATION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT

THE NEXT AD HOC MEETING.

8. CONSIDERABLE ATENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE FORTHCOMING SEMINAR BEING HOSTED BY CANADA IN OCTOBER 1977 ON ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES IN COMMUNITY AND BUILDING DESIGN. THE PROGRAM WILL BE GOING OUT SHORTLY, AND THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF THIS PROBLEM. A STUDY TOUR TO NEW COMUNITIES IN WHICH ENERGY CONSERVATION CRITERIA ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN WILL FOLLOW THE SEMINAR ITSELF.

9. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED SEMINAR, THE AD HOC MEETING RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMISSION THAT IT CONVENE: A THIRD AD HOC MEETING ON ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN MARCH 1978; A PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SEMINARS ON COMBINED PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC
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POWER AND HEAT (SEPTEMBER 1977); ECONOMETRIC MODELS, INPUT/OUTPUT AND COST/BENEFITS ANALYSES FOR OPTIMIZING CONSERVATION PROGRAMS (MARCH 1978); IMPROVED TECHNIQUES FOR THE EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING OF PRIMARY FORMS OF ENERGY (APRIL 1978).

10. THE AD HOC MEETING ALSO INVITED THE COMMISSION TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO: CONVENING AN AD HOC MEETING OR SEMINARS ON "RECYCLING OF ENERGY-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL WASTES AND BYPRODUCTS, AS WELL AS THE USE OF MUNICIPAL WASTES"; TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR HOLDING AN AD HOC MEETING OR SEMINAR ON "TECHNIQUES FOR AND RESULTS OF PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLIC ACTION PROGRAMS".

11. COPIES OF THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. SORENSON

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